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SUBJECT: CUBAN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA: CUBAN USE OF
GUYANESE FACILITIES

1. CUBAN AIRCRAFT FERRYING MILITARY SUPPLIES AND
PERSONNEL FOR USE IN ANGOLA HAVE FOR OVER TWO MONTHS USED
BARBADOS AS A REFUELING STOP. IT NOW APPEARS THAT, UNDER
PRESSURE FROM US AND PRESS EXPOSURE, BARBADOS WILL REFUSE
FURTHER USE OF ITS FACILITIES FOR THIS PURPOSE. TRINIDAD
HAS ALREADY PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED THAT CUBAN AIR LIFT TO
ANGOLA MAY NOT RPT NOT USE TRINIDAD FACILITIES. WE ASSUME
GOC IS CASTING ABOUT FOR AN ALTERNATIVE REFUELING STOP, AND
MOST LIKELY CANDIDATE IS MARXIST GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA.

2. GOG HAS RECENTLY MOVED CLOSE TO CUBA. UNLESS THEY ARE
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DISSUADED, WE THINK THERE IS CHANCE GOG MIGHT PERMIT

REFUELING OF CUBAN MILITARY AIRCRAFT DESTINED FOR ANGOLA.

3. REQUEST YOU OUTLINE ABOVE SITUATION TO APPROPRIATE
PRC OFFICIAL, PREFERABLY LIN PING, AND SUGGEST THAT PRC
USE ITS INFLUENCE WITH GOG TO PREVENT POSSIBLE CUBAN USE
OF GOG FACILITIES FOR ANGOLA AIR LIFT. YOU MAY SAY THAT

OUR RELATIONS WITH THAT GOVERNMENT ARE SUCH THAT WE THINK
PRC EFFORT WITH GOG MUCH MORE LIKELY TO BE EFFECTIVE THAN
OURS. KISSINGER

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